Moay's letter to Pillsbury 1858?

Leicester, Sat.y 19th June

Dear Pillsbury,

89 Yrs. of yesterday reached me, this noon on my return from Worcester where I had been to see Handbills printed for the 24th". — The first 2 lines puzzled me not a little — You begin "Mr. Garrison is not to be at Worcester; and is very desirous to have me go." What was to be done at Worcester I knew not. I afterwards inferred, — the whole letter being perused, — that you meant to say Rutland, Vt. — I knew Garrison had given up going there, as Foss wrote me he had also, and for that reason could be at S. Newmarket.

Now I must protest against your going to the Vermont Meeting for two reasons — 1. It is too much & too hard work for you; you are not equal to it; and as the Convention is to be thronged with speakers,

as Fofs wrote me, there will be the less need of you.

2. You are promised to the S. Newmarket Convention. If Garrison and Henry think lightly of giving up such engagements, I do not. I have written many letters and taken much pains to get up this S. Newmarket ~~Meeting~~, and have endeavored at your request to make it a Convention of neighboring towns. The people there will complain, and will have a right to do so. — If Garrison will take your place there, I will agree to your taking his at Rutland; and I cannot otherwise. — Handbills have been sent to Newmarket, and before this are distributed, announcing you & Mr Fofs. — I have no objection to Mrs. Coleman's going also, — should much like to have her, — but

not as a substitute for you.

Pray re-consider this Vermont matter. A 3 days' Convention, if you say anything, where you are pretty certain to be drawn in to a prominent place, will fag you down, in this warm weather - a result greatly to be deprecated. Besides Newmarket, you must remember there is Abington on the 4th, Framingham 5th (tho' we shall not call on you for a long speech there, nor for any, if you object,) and you are desired at Natick soon; - and I have an unpleasant memory of the effects of Vermont Conventions on your health.

I have written to Garrison, protesting against this change, & begging him not to drop your name from the Newmarket notice for the 26th & 27th, unless he will put his own in.

God knows I am ready to do anything I can, faith, to redeem Vermont, and I hail this Rutland Convention. But let us keep faith.

Ever truly Yours

Saml. May Jr. —

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P. S. — Did you ever reply to Susan Anthony about her project of your going to Rochester? Pray let me know whether you have or not, and also, if you please, what your decision was. —

'Tis too late for me to write to Hancock, N. H., to Mrs. Colman, unless she is to remain there some days after Sunday, which you do not say. — If you know where she is to be, I will be obliged to you to say to her that I shall be very glad to have her go, with Mr. Foss & yourself, to

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